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### REMARKS

Claims 2, 4-6, and 8-18 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 2, 4-5, and 8-12 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 2 and 4-5 are independent.

These amendments are made only to more particularly point out the invention for the Examiner and not for narrowing the scope of the claims or for any reason related to a statutory requirement for patentability.

Applicants also note that, notwithstanding any claim amendments herein or later during prosecution, Applicants' intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 3-4 and 7-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In this regard, this Amendment cancels claim 3 and incorporates the features of allowable claim 3 into independent claim 2, rewrites claim 4 into independent form, cancels claim 7 and incorporates the features of allowable claim 7 into claim 5, and amends claims 8-12 to depend from independent claim 5, to place the application into condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2, 4-6, and 8-18, all the claims presently pending in the Application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the Application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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I hereby certify that I am filing this Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 CFR §1.116 by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office to Examiner Thai Ba Trieu, Group Art Unit 3748 at fax number (571) 273-8300 this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005.



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